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SUBJECT: HADDAD-SAAD MEETING AUGUST 5. SIGNS OF GOL FLEXIBILITY?

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1. RELIABLE UN SOURCE WHO WAS PRESENT AT SECOND HADDAD-SAAD TETE-A-TETE
NEAR EL MERI AFTERNOON AUGUST 5 REPORTS THE FOLLOWING BASED ON SUBSEQUENT
SEPARATE CONVERSATIONS WITH THE PARTICIPANTS.

2. SAAD, IN STRICT CONFIDENCE, SAID GOL WAS THINKING ALONG FOLLOWING
LINES: (A) ONE COMPANY WOULD REMAIN IN KAWKABA; (B) SECOND COMPANY
WOULD MOVE TO HASBAYYA JUST OUTSIDE OF UNIFIL AREA OF OPERATIONS;
(C) REMAINING COMPANY WOULD MOVE TO TIBNIN BY LAF HELICOPTER.
SAAD INDICATED (A) AND (B) HAD BEEN DISCUSSED WITH HADDAD BUT STRESSED
LOCATION OF (C) HAD NOT.

3. LATER HADDAD CONFIRMED LEBANESE COMMANDER HAD ALLUDED TO (A) AND
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(B) AND HAD MENTIONED A COMPANY MIGHT "GO TO ONE OTHER PLACE". WHEN
UN SOURCE INNOCENTLY ASKED ABOUT TIBNIN, HADDAD COMMENTED,
"THEY HAVE LOST THEIR WILL TO GO THERE."

4. HADDAD MAINTAINS HIS DEMAND THAT HE BE REINSTATED.

5. COMMENT: EVIDENTLY SOMETHING IS GOING ON HERE. THE QUESTION IS IF

THE TOW COMMANDERS ON THE SPOT MANAGE TO ARRIVE AT A MODUS
VIVENDI WILL IT FLY IN BEIRUT? IF SOMETHING ALONG ABOVE LINES
IS EVENTUALLY WORKED OUT, UN BELIEVES MODALITIES OF HELICOPTER
LIFT MUST BE AGREED IN ADVANCE. UN FURTHER IS OF THE OPINION
THAT EVEN IF HADDAD WERE TO AGREE TO MOVEMENT VIA THE ALTERNATE
ROUTE WHICH BYPASSES MARJAYOUN, THERE WOULD BE THE RISK
SOME UNDISCIPLINED MILITIAMEN WOULD TAKE POT SHOTS. SOURCE'S COMMENTS
ON HADDAD'S RELATIVE INDEPENDENCE ARE CONTAINED SEPTTEL.
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